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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Please reexamine the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1, 5, 6, 9, 10 and 14 as follows:

1. (Amended) A mechanical joint for use in the construction of an article, said joint comprising:
- a first member for connection with a second member, and wherein said first member
- is provided with [at least one aperture having] an opening defined by first and second edges, said

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